



# Buckland Primary Newsletter

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## From Mrs Hutton

Welcome to our termly Buckland Primary School Newsletter. As we are all unable to come together this term for our annual Christmas assemblies, I hope you enjoyed watching our festive film. Please remember NOT to share this on any social media platform. The children and staff enjoyed filming their songs whilst wearing their Christmas jumpers. Hopefully during 2022 we will all be able to come together to celebrate everything that is great about our school.

Thank you to everyone who attended their child's parent consultation in November. It was lovely seeing so many families attend. Thank you to everyone who also completed a short survey linked to our curriculum and pupil attainment.

160 returns	Strongly Agree and Agree
My child is happy and feels safe.	99%
The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning.	100%
The school has high expectations for my child.	95%
There is a good range of subjects	98%

Congratulations to our wonderful PTA who have had another extremely challenging year. Following our Christmas card/gifts and raffle events nearly £2,000 have been raised for the school. Thank you for all your support. Look out for some new events in 2022!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Hutton 😊

## Christmas Hampers

A Huge thank you to everyone who donated food and other Christmas goodies for local families. Buckland has worked with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) for a number of years and ALL our hampers are sent to local families in need. 16 hampers were gratefully received. Thank you everyone for putting them together.

## Quote of the week:



### December 2021

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of term @1.15pm



### January 2022

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> School Closed (INSET)**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Y2 Gruffalo Workshop

### February 2022

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Y3 & Y6 Rocks and Fossils workshop

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Y5 Astrodome

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> EYFS/KS1 Pied Piper Theatre visit

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> **HALF TERM**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Back to school

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Y6 Harry Potter Studio visit

### March 2022

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Y2 visit Roald Dahl museum

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Y4 visit Hampton Court

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Y1 visit British Wildlife Centre



All About Me is our Young Carers Group for children who have additional responsibilities at home in a caring capacity, whether this is supporting parents, grandparents or siblings. We hold 1 session each term and this gives the children an opportunity to do something fun for a couple of hours and spend some time with other children who are dealing with similar situations to them.

### Surrey Young Carers: Angel Award

Some of our young carers are also part of Surrey Young Carers who have supported us with our group and we are delighted to announce that on Friday 19th November we were awarded the Angel Award by Surrey Young Carers. Representatives from Surrey Young Carers came into school and presented us with a plaque and a certificate and treated our All About Me group to some special sweet treats. We are delighted to be recognised for the group that we run in school and the work that goes into looking after our Young Carers. For more information visit our website

<http://bucklandprimary.surrey.sch.uk/6442-2/>

Thank you to Emma Hawthorn and Marie Lucas Caller for all your hard work with our All About Me group and Congratulations on the well-deserved award.

### Top Festive Books to read over the holidays:

The Toys Christmas by Claire Clement and Genevieve Godbout

A Boy called Christmas Series; 3 by Matt Haig

The Little Fir tree by Christopher Corr and H.C. Anderson

Billy Mini and the Monsters at Christmas by Zanna Davidson and Melanie Williamson

Peter Rabbit Tales: A Christmas Wish by Beatrix Potter

Mr Men Christmas Collection by Roger Hargreaves

Diary of a Christmas Elf by Ben Miller

Christmas Farm by Mary Lyn May

One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth

## What's been going on in school?

➤ Year 1 had an amazing journey into space via a visit from the popular Astrodome as part of their science curriculum. I think we have a few potential astronauts in Puffins and Penguins.



- In November Year 2 took part in an interactive drama workshop linked to The Gunpowder Plot. All the children were amazed as they travelled back in time to experience and learn about an important historical event.
- Year 5 experienced a Viking workshop, with pupils and staff dressing up as Vikings for the day. Thank you to all our parents who helped their children put together their fabulous costumes. I know Mr Cook, Miss Brambleby and the Y5 team all enjoyed taking part.
- Year 3 also enjoyed an immersive journey back in time when they took part in an interactive Roman workshop as part of their history curriculum. Again, their costumes looked fantastic and really helped to bring the day alive. I thoroughly enjoyed being Emperor during the Gladiator battles.
- As a school we also took part in several sporting tournaments organised by Mr Cook and local schools. These included Tag Rugby, Hockey and girls and boys football. Well done for representing our school.

## Christmas Tree recycling:

Many of you may have real Christmas trees at home this year. Spelthorne Council will be operating free Christmas tree collections from **3-14 January 2022**. Simply remove the base and decorations and leave your tree out with your bins on your usual collection day.

If you miss the collection, you can take your tree to the Community Recycling Centre in Shepperton or one of the following drop-off points:

- Fordbridge Park, Ashford
- Manor Park, Shepperton
- Old Bathing Station, Fordbridge Road, Sunbury



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